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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

For the year 1970

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Divisional Health Office,  
Manor Road, Beverley.  
September, 1971.

To: The Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my annual report for 1970.

The Registrar General's figure for the year 1970 indicates a mid-year population of 5,810 an increase of 120 compared with last year.

During the year there were 74 births and 64 deaths, compared with 79 births and 91 deaths last year. The adjusted birth rate for the district of 14.6 compares with a national birth rate of 16.0 per 1,000 population, and an adjusted death rate of 8.6 compares with a national death rate of 11.7 per 1,000 population.

The causes of death followed the usual pattern, ischaemic heart disease being the principal individual cause of death and malignant neoplasm of lung and bronchus being the major cause of death due to cancer. There was one death of an infant under one year of age due to the hazards of birth.

On infectious diseases, measles was outstanding, 59 cases being notified during the year. All cases were children under 10 years of age and the outbreak which occurred during May, June and July was in keeping with similar outbreaks in the adjacent districts.

Few changes occurred during the year in the sanitary circumstances of the district. Water continued to be provided by Hull Corporation and 24 samples taken by the Corporation in the District proved satisfactory.

Refuse and sewage disposal continued as in previous years.

Ninety dwellings were erected by the Council during the year and 35 by other persons. Three houses were found to be unfit and 8 others were found to be not fit in all respects for human habitation. Of these 11 properties, 2 were made fit without formal action and 2 were closed under closing orders.

One hundred per cent inspection of meat killed in the district continued to be carried out during the year.

In presenting this report, may I express thanks to the staff of the department for their work and help during the year, and also to members of the Health Committee for their constant interest and support.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. H. MAUGHAN

Medical Officer of Health

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STATISTICS

GENERAL

Area in acres . . . . .	882
Population: 1970 Registrar General . . . . .	5,810
Rateable value at 31st March, 1970 . . . . .	£161,527
Sum represented by a penny rate . . . . .	£668

VITAL

Live Births:

Total live births . . . . .	74
Crude birth rate per 1,000 population . . . . .	12.7
Comparability factor . . . . .	1.15
Adjusted birth rate per 1,000 population . . . . .	14.6
Illegitimate live births included in above total	4

Still Births:

Total still births . . . . .	-
Illegitimate still births included in above total	-

Deaths:

Total deaths . . . . .	64
Crude death rate per 1,000 population . . . . .	11.0
Comparability factor . . . . .	0.78
Adjusted death rate per 1,000 population . . . . .	8.6
Infant deaths (under 1 year of age) . . . . .	1
Infant mortality rate, i.e. infant deaths per 1,000 live births . . . . .	14





Birth and Death Rates per 1,000 population  
including service personnel living in the district

Year	England and Wales	Withernsea U.D.
LIVE BIRTHS		
1970	16.0*	14.6
1969	16.3	16.0
1968	16.9	16.6
1967	17.2	18.5
1966	17.7	23.5
DEATHS		
1970	11.7*	8.6
1969	11.9	12.0
1968	11.9	12.5
1967	11.3	12.9
1966	11.7	17.3

\*Provisional rate supplied by the Registrar General.

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	6	1	7
Leukaemia	-	1	1
Other malignant neoplasms	3	-	3
Diabetes mellitus	-	1	1
Other endocrine etc. diseases	1	-	1
Anaemias	1	-	1
Other diseases of the nervous system	2	1	3
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	-	1	1
Ischaemic heart disease	12	5	17
Other forms of heart disease	1	1	2
Cerebrovascular disease	3	3	6
Other diseases of circulatory system	1	3	4
Pneumonia	2	1	3
Bronchitis and emphysema	2	-	2
Peptic ulcer	1	1	2
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	-	1	1
Congenital anomalies	-	1	1
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	1	1	2
All other accidents	1	-	1
All other external causes	1	-	1
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	41	23	64





Age Distribution of Deaths

Age at Death	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Under 1 year	5	-	4	-	1
1 - 5 years	2	-	-	1	-
6 - 15 years	-	-	-	-	1
16 - 25 years	-	-	1	1	1
26 - 45 years	1	3	4	1	1
46 - 65 years	14	14	16	13	11
66 years and over	64	47	68	75	49
TOTALS	86	64	93	91	64

Infant Mortality Rate

Deaths under One year of Age - Rates per 1,000 births


Year	England and Wales	Withernsea U.D.
1970	18.0	14.0
1969	18.0	0.0
1968	18.0	48.0
1967	18.3	0.0
1966	19.0	42.7

Still Birth Rate

Rates per 1,000 Total Births

Year	England and Wales	Withernsea U.D.
1970	13.0	0.0
1969	13.0	0.0
1968	14.0	0.0
1967	14.8	11.0
1966	15.4	25.0

\*Provisional figure supplied by the Registrar General.



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INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Distribution of Infectious Diseases by Age Groups

Disease	Under 1 year	1 - 2 years	3 - 4 years	5 - 9 years	10 - 14 years	15 - 24 years	25 - 44 years	45 - 64 years	65 years and over	Age unknown	Total
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	2	-	4	16	1	-	-	-	-	-	23
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paralytic .. ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Paralytic ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	1	9	20	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	59
Acute Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric or Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningitis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	2	-	2	3	-	-	-	7
TOTALS	4	9	24	47	1	2	3	1	-	-	91

The Incidence of Infectious Diseases during the past Five Years

Disease	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	4	-
Whooping Cough	-	2	-	-	23
Poliomyelitis and Polio-Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	36	-	35	-	59
Acute Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	2	1
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric or Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	-	1	6	-
Meningitis	-	-	1	2	1
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	13	7
Totals	37	2	37	27	91



SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector

R. P. BELLAMY, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT 1955

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

Number of premises to which these Regulations apply . . . . .	73
Number of retail shops . . . . .	51
Number of catering establishments . . . . .	22
Number of premises which were inspected . . . . .	37
Total number of inspections . . . . .	55

As a result of these inspections 4 informal notices were served and of these 3 were complied with.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

This Act is designed to protect the Health, Safety and Welfare of persons employed in offices and shops. Several premises covered by the provisions of this Act also came under the scope of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations and in these cases combined inspections were made.

Number of premises newly registered during 1970 . . . . .	9
Number of registered premises . . . . .	175
Number of visits to registered premises . . . . .	40
Number of persons employed in registered premises . . . . .	296

FACTORY ACT 1961

The following factories are on the Register:

Joiners . . . . .	3
Letter Press & Printing . . . . .	1
Garages & Motor Vehicle Repairs . . . . .	6
Light General Engineering . . . . .	1
Bakeries . . . . .	3
Plumbers & Electricians . . . . .	3
Pottery . . . . .	1

Total	<u>18</u>
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### Meat Inspection at the Licenced Slaughterhouse

There is one licenced slaughterhouse in the Urban District, which is used for regular slaughtering on two evenings each week, and some casual slaughtering. The quality of the animals slaughtered is of a high standard. 100% inspection is being carried out.

Total number of inspections . . . . .	93
Number of Bullocks inspected . . . . .	140
Number of Sheep and Lambs inspected . . . . .	275

### Weight of Meat and Offal Condemned

Bovine meat and offal . . . . .	553 lbs
Sheep meat and offal . . . . .	NIL

### Slaughtermen's Licences

Number of registered slaughtermen on 1/1/70 . . . . .	3
Number of new licences issued during the year . . . . .	NIL

### Food Poisoning

Two cases of food poisoning were notified during 1970, the organism concerned being Salmonella Typhi-Murium. Both were members of the same family and samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Anlaby Road, Hull, until three negative results were received.

### RODENT CONTROL

A total of 123 inspections and re-inspections of dwellinghouses, business and agricultural premises, and Council-owned property, were made during 1970, as follows:

	Local Authority owned Property	Other Dwelling- houses	Other Property including Business Premises	Agri- cultural Premises	TOTAL
Inspections and Re-inspections	46	54	20	3	123
General Surveys	10	8	-	1	19
Complaints of infestations by rats	19	36	16	3	74
Complaints of infestations by mice	27	18	4	-	49



#### REFUSE COLLECTION

There is a weekly collection of refuse from all dustbins of private dwellinghouses, shops and business premises. Two vehicles, Dennis Paxit 16/20 cu. yard and Eagle Crushload 50 cu. yard were used to provide this service which were operated with a complement of seven workmen including drivers.

Eleven informal notices were served on the owners of premises, requesting them to provide proper galvanised, covered dustbins, and all were complied with.

#### REFUSE DISPOSAL

During 1970, household refuse was deposited at Burstwick at the Holderness Rural District Council tip. This site is approximately 20 miles return journey.

The cost per load - £1.

#### NIGHT SOIL COLLECTION

Night soil is collected from two houses weekly; these houses are owned by the Council. The Night Soil is disposed of at the Sewage Works, Holmpton Road.

#### HOLIDAY CARAVAN SITES

There are two privately-owned Caravan Sites, licenced for 113 caravans and for 80 caravans. Each has sewers, water mains and ablution blocks, the sites being maintained at a high standard.

Refuse is collected from the sites weekly during the holiday season.

#### CHALET SITE

The Chalet Site situated on Holmpton Road has 290 chalets; part of this site is in the Holderness Rural District Council area. This site has expanded rapidly and a field on the opposite side of the road is being developed. Sewers, camp roads, water mains and electricity are provided on the site. Each chalet is provided with a separate W.C. and dustbin. Refuse is collected weekly during the season.

#### TRAILER PARK

The Caravan Site situated on Waxholme Road is owned by the Council and has sewers, roads, water mains and ablution blocks. The site is well maintained and there were 1155 caravans on the Trailer Park on 31st December, 1970.

The refuse is collected from all the holiday camps by the Council's refuse vehicles and staff. This provides extra work for the refuse collection staff; the problem is not eased by the fact that shortage of staff is also experienced at this time due to Council workmen's holidays.





HOUSING

Number of dwellinghouses erected during the year:

(1) by Withernsea U.D.C. . . . .	90
(2) by other persons . . . . .	35

Inspections of Dwellinghouses during the year

1. (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) . . .	24
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose . . . .	51
2. Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation . . . . .	3
3. Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under preceding subhead) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation . . . . .	8

Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority of its officers . . . . .	2
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Action under Statutory Powers during the year

1. <u>Proceedings under the Housing Act 1957</u>	
(a) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs . . . . .	NIL
(b) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice . . . . .	NIL
(c) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders or Closing Orders were made . . . . .	2
(d) Number of houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders . . . . .	NIL
(e) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made . . . . .	NIL
(f) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenements or rooms having been rendered fit . . . . .	NIL
2. <u>Proceedings under the Public Health Acts</u>	
(a) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied . . . . .	NIL
(b) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice . . . . .	NIL





HOUSING ACT 1957 - PART IV (OVERCROWDING)

- (a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year NIL  
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein . . . . . NIL  
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year NIL  
(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year NIL  
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases . . . . . NIL

HOUSING REPAIRS & RENT ACT 1954

Certificates of Disrepair issued . . . . . NIL

SWIMMING POOL

Internal dimensions - Length - 108 ft.  
Breadth - 40 ft.  
Deep end depth - 6 ft.  
Shallow end depth - 3 ft.

Volume of water - 120,000 gallons (approx.)

Samples of water from the Swimming Pool were submitted for bacteriological examination during its use, and the results were mainly satisfactory.

Details of Income and Expenditure, Heating Costs,  
Opening and Closing Dates and Attendances -

	1961	1965	1968	1969	1970
Opening Date	May 1	May 8	May 11	May 10	May 16
Closing Date	Sept 24	Sept 19	Sept 20	Sept 21	Sept 20
Income	£1,414	£2,384	£2,483	£3,521	£2,900
Heating Costs (Electrical)	Nil	£950	£972	£1,026	£1,042
<u>ATTENDANCES</u>					
Adults	4,152	6,175	6,743	11,523	7,756
Children	24,746	23,407	24,670	32,357	29,552
Spectators	12,940	11,185	10,585	12,608	11,114
Schools	5,472	5,120	6,530	4,926	6,583
<u>PASSES</u>					
Adults	16	44	30	23	32
Children	196	409	384	233	211

PADDLING POOL

The water in the Paddling Pool is chlorinated by hand, and is changed as necessary, and at least once a day.

The Council has agreed to pump the heated and filtered water from the Pump House, and this work will be carried out during 1971.





